

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please cancel, without prejudice, claims 1-6 and 8 and add new claims 10-14, as indicated in the Listing of Claims below.

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-8. (Cancelled).

9. (Previously Presented) A mop comprising:

a shaft having an operator end and a cleaning end;

an operating member disposed on said shaft and being movable axially along at least a portion of said shaft and being rotatable with respect to said shaft;

a mop element comprising a liquid absorbent material, said mop element having a first portion connected to said operating member and a second portion connected to said cleaning end of said shaft, whereby liquid is expellable from said mop element when said operating member is rotated relative to said shaft;

wherein said shaft has an indexing surface disposed over an axial portion thereof; said indexing surface having a cross section substantially in the shape of a regular polygon;

wherein said operating member includes at least one indexing arm engaging said indexing surface when said operating member is proximal said indexing surface, said indexing arm rotationally retaining said operating member with respect to said shaft to thereby restrict relative rotation of said shaft and operating member in one direction; and

wherein said operating member includes an index end and a socket in said index end receiving a support, said support having at least one indexing arm, said support having a detent engaging a notch in said operating member to inhibit relative rotation of said support and said operating member, said socket including a lip engaging said support for inhibiting relative axial movement of said operating member and said support.

10. (New) The mop according to claim 9, said indexing surface being monolithic with said shaft.

11. (New) The mop according to claim 9, said indexing surface being disposed on a sleeve disposed over said shaft.

12. (New) The mop according to claim 9, said indexing surface having a substantially octagonal cross section.

13. (New) The mop according to claim 9, said operating member having a slot disposed proximal said index end, said indexing arm being disposed within said slot.

14. (New) The mop according to claim 9, said support including four indexing arms.